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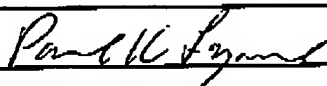
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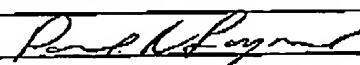
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The present Response is filed in regard to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 18, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner has restricted claims 1-42 into seventeen groups. Applicants elect Group III, containing claims 6, 7 and 41 drawn to human dorsal root receptor 1, with traverse.

The Office Action asserts that the groups are unrelated. Even if the Office Action still considers the groups of claims to be patentably distinct, §803 of the M.P.E.P. mandates two criteria for a proper requirement for restriction: 1) the inventions must be independent or distinct; and 2) there must be a serious burden on the examiner. For purposes of initial requirement, a serious burden on the examiner may be *prima facie* shown if the examiner shows by appropriate explanation either separate classification, separate status in the art, or a different field of search as defined in M.P.E.P. §808.02. Significantly, the Examiner has not met the *prima facie* burden. Indeed, the Examiner has not shown separate status in the art or a requirement for a different field of search. Further, Groups I, III, V, VII, IX, XI, and XIII have, in fact, been classified into identical classes (class 530) and subclass (subclass 350), thus, strongly indicating a lack of


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serious burden. Accordingly, the claims within Groups I, III, V, VII, IX, XI, and XIII should be examined together in the present application without restriction.

If the Office Action persists in applying the present restriction, Applicants presume that any prior art that is found relating to a non-elected group, to the extent that such prior art exists, will not be used in an obviousness rejection against a claim from any other group.

Applicants submit that the present response is complete and complies with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §121. In addition, Applicants submit that, at a minimum, claims within Groups I, III, V, VII, IX, XI, and XIII must be considered in the present application without restriction.

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